

CHAPTER I.

EXTENSION AND CONSTITUTION OF STATE FORESTS.

(i).—ALTERATION OF AREA,

AND

(ii).—FOREST SETTLEMENTS.

The following table shows the forest area of the Southern Circle :—

Names of Districts.	AREA ON 1ST JULY 1894.		ADDED DURING THE YEAR.		EXCLUDED OR TRANSFERRED TO OTHER HEADS.		AREA ON 30TH JUNE 1895.		Total Forest Area.
	Reserved.	Protected.	Reserved.	Protected.	Reserved.	Protected.	Reserved.	Protected.	
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.	Sq.m. a.
Kanara	1,181 617	2,366 636	1 328	...	0 60	138 405	1,183 305	2,366 635	3,550 300
Belgaum	631 511	149 540	132 511	...	1 207	237 328	664 322	11 135	675 457
Dharwar	170 555	260 258	189 305	...	...	...	359 13	22 570	381 583
Bijápur	155 56	89 409	...	...	0 45	27 92	155 56	89 409	244 465
Kolába	411 38	34 137	26 348	...	...	...	437 341	7 45	444 386
Batnagir	20 80	.....	...	...	...	...	20 80	.....	20 80
Total ...	2,470 577	2,901 60	350 212	...	1 312	403 186	2,819 477	2,497 514	5,317 351

2. The changes in the area of the Kanara-forests are due to errors in the original notifications, which were rectified during the year under report.

3. The revision-settlement of the forests of Belgaum and Dharwar received the sanction of Government, and the final lists were notified in the *Gazette*. Under this settlement 104 square miles 82 acres of "Protected" forests in Belgaum, and 174 square miles 60 acres in Dharwar, were converted into "Reserved." In Kolába, 26 square miles 324 acres were also converted into "Reserved."

District.	Sq. miles.	Acres.
Belgaum	28	429
Dharwar	15	245
Kolába	...	24

4. Besides the above, lands newly selected for afforestation, aggregating *44 square miles 58 acres, were gazetted "Reserved" under Section 19 of the Forest Act.

5. The area converted into "Reserved" is entered in the 7th column of the above table as well as in the 4th. The 7th also includes the acreage that was disafforested, namely :—

District.	Protected-Forest.		REMARKS.
	Sq. m.	Acres.	
Kanara	.....	1	Due to error in the original notification.
Belgaum	34	323	} During final settlement.
Dharwar	63	268	
Kolába	.....	408	
Total ...	98	360	

Kanara.

6. Mr. R. T. Wingate, Forest-Settlement-Officer, Northern Division of Kanara, submitted settlement-proposals regarding 722 square miles of Súpá, and retired from the service on the 16th April, 1895, handing over charge to Mr. Sheppard, Forest-Settlement-Officer, Southern Division of Kanara.

7. Mr. Sheppard completed the field-work connected with 70 villages of Siddápúr and 73 of Honáwar, aggregating 84.12 and 199.75 square miles, respectively.

8. The settlement-proposals on these forests are under preparation.

9. The following area was notified under Section 4 of the Forest Act:—

District.	Area.		REMARKS.
	A.	g.	
Kanara	89,567	4	In Honáwar
Do.	1,353	8	In Karwar.
Belgaum	1,550	7	In Parasgad.
Dharwar	3,609	11	Gadag, Ránebennur, Hubli, Kalghatgi, Dharwar, Bankápúr, Kód and Hángal.
Kolábá...	1,697	39	
	97,777	29	

Belgaum and Dhárwár.

10. Mr. Knight submitted settlement-reports on the forests referred to in paragraphs 25 and 26 of the last report, and reverted to the Revenue Department. Of his Office-Esablishment, 2 men were placed under the Divisional Officer, Dharwar, and the services of the rest dispensed with.

11. Government-orders were received on the re-settlement of all the forests of Dharwar.

12. The following table shows the progress made in the settlement of the forests, which were gazetted under Section 34 of the Forest-Act:—

Name of Collectorate.	Class of Forests.	At the commencement of the year. Areas under Section 34 in which private rights have not been enquired into, settled or recorded.	AREA DEALT WITH DURING THE YEAR AND SANCTIONED BY GOVERNMENT.		Area of Reserved Forests alienated under Section 19.	Area of Protected Forests disforested under Government orders.	At the end of the year. Areas under Section 34, in which private rights have not been enquired into, settled or recorded.
			Under Section 19.	Under Section 28.			
			Sq. m. a.	Sq. m. a.			
Kanara ...	Reserved ...	214 286	.....	.....	.....	.....	214 286
	Protected...	1,915 338	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,915 338
Bijápúr ...	Reserved ...	155 56	.....	.....	.....	.....	155 56
	Protected...	89 409	.....	.....	.....	.....	89 409
Kolábá ...	Reserved ...	11 353	.....	.....	.....	.....	11 353
	Protected...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	Reserved ...	381 55	.....	.....	.....	.....	381 55
	Protected...	2,005 107	.....	.....	.....	.....	2,005 107

13. Government-orders on the settlement of 214 square miles, 286 acres of "Reserved," and 722 square miles of the "Protected," forests, shown against Kanara, have been received, but the notifications under Section 19 of the Forest-Act had not been published in the Gazette before the close of the year.

14. The area remaining to be reported upon is:—

	Square Miles.	Acres.
In Kanara, 2,129 square miles, 624 acres (detailed above) minus 936 square miles, 286 acres referred to in the last paragraph	... 1,193	338
In Kolábá (as given in the above table) and the area notified under Section 4 of the Forest Act (referred to in para. 9)	... 11	353
In Belgaum (do.)	... 2	418
In Dharwar (do.)	... 5	409
Total ...	1,215	508

15. Of the area shown above, 813 square miles of *field-work* have been finished in Kanara.

16. Lists of the Bijapur-forests, the settlement of which was sanctioned in Government Resolution No. 8339 dated 11th October, 1894, were submitted to Government for publication in the *Gazette*.

17. Nothing remains to be done in connection with the Dharwar-and Belgaum-forests excepting a few square miles of waste-land newly selected, which have to be settled, and this will be done by the Assistant-or Deputy-Collectors in charge of the talukas concerned.

18. The two square miles 418 acres of Kolabá, referred to above, will be dealt with in the same way; and the 11 square miles, 353 acres, which have been awaiting settlement for a long time, should be taken in hand by the Collector and finished this season.

19. The field-work of the Circle still remaining to be done, and aggregating only about 400 square miles, will, it is hoped, be finished during the approaching working season.

20. The expenditure incurred on account of settlement during the year under report, was as detailed below :—

Not charged to Forests.

	Rs.
Salaries and allowances of the Forest-Settlement-Officer, S. D., Kanara ...	13,601
Do. do. of the Forest-Settlement-Officer, Bel- gaum-Dharwar ...	10,875

Charged to Forests.

	Rs.
Salaries and allowances of the Forest-Settlement-Officer, N. D. of Kanara ...	9,519
And of the Establishment employed in his office and con- tingencies ...	2,415
Salaries and allowances of the Establishment employed under the Forest-Settlement-Officer, Southern Division of Kanara, and contingencies... ...	3,560
Ditto. do. of the Establishment under the Forest- Settlement-Officer, Belgaum-Dharwar, and contin- gencies... ...	2,062
Compensation ...	<u>1,262</u>
Total ...	43,294

21. The settlement of the year, which is represented by the above expenditure, comprises :—

	Rs.
350.33 Square miles finally settled ...	23,915
283.87 Do. settlement in progress (area for which field-work has been completed) ...	<u>19,379</u>
	43,294.

22. The cost per square mile of the settlement finally effected during the year, was Rs. 68.26.

23. The total cost for settlement-operations up to 30th June, 1894, amounted to Rs. 3,37,528, and that on account of the area gazetted during the year under report, to Rs. 23,915. The area finally settled and gazetted up to the end of the year is 3,260.68 square miles, and the average cost of settlement up to date comes to Rs. 110 per square mile.

(iii).—DEMARCATION.

24. The forest-boundaries have all been demarcated by the Revenue-Survey, by stone-cairns, earthen mounds, or stones.

25. Their demarcation by means of special forest-boundary-marks will now be pressed forward vigorously.

26. Form No. 48 appended, gives details of work done during the year under report.